

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/528794 Confirmation No. 9163  
Applicant : Osamu Ishigami et al.  
Filed : March 23, 2005  
TC/A.U. : 1793  
Examiner : Lois L. Zheng  
Title : METHOD FOR PASSIVATING STAINLESS STEEL  
PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
STAINLESS STEEL SEPARATOR FOR FUEL CELL  
Docket No. : SHM-15962  
Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "D"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20090630)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2009. The three month period for responding to the Office Action expired on October 6, 2009. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for two (2) months, to December 6, 2009. The \$490 extension of time fee is enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.